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Dear Ms. Bramell:

This is to certify that you are hereby authorized to conduct an investigation into allegations of workplace violence, threatening remarks and a negative work culture at the Trapper Creek Job Corps Center. The investigation will begin Monday, December 7, 2009, and will be completed on Friday, January 8, 2009.

You are fully authorized to conduct research and investigate all aspects of the investigation and require employees of the Forest Service to cooperate in the conduct of the investigation and to require full cooperation from employees possessing knowledge or affirmation without a pledge of confidentiality. You are also authorized access to, and to review and copy all Forest Service documents pertaining to the investigation in performance of these official duties. Such documents shall be used in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

USDA employees are obligated to give information to authorized representatives of the Department when called upon if the inquiry relates to official matters and the information is obtained in the course of employment as a result of relationships incident to USDA employment. This includes furnishing a signed, sworn or affirmed statement when requested (Departmental Regulation 4070-735-001). This requirement does not apply if the employee is personally involved in a criminal act and his/her testimony could be used as evidence in a criminal proceeding. Such employees are protected by the Constitution of the United States (5th Amendment Right Against Self-Incrimination). Failure to respond to requests for information or to otherwise cooperate in this investigation may result in disciplinary penalty.

If you have questions regarding this Authorization for Investigation please contact Monica Jaramillo, Misconduct Investigations Program Manager, Albuquerque Service Center – Human Capital Management at (505) 343-5595.

/s/
Monica Jaramillo
Misconduct Investigations Program Manager



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